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The reply brief filed 8/22/06 is hereby noted.

The examiner once again reiterate that the Whitener and Lewis teach what is believed to be inherent in the Askhenas reference. The examiner believed that Askhenas does indeed teaches what has been claimed but have used the Whitener and Lewis reference to further support the inherency that is there in Askhenas.

The examiner would like to point out a typing error in part (9) of the Examiner's Answer sent 6/06. The rejection of claims 6, 16, and 18 are unpatentable over Askhenas as modified by Whitener in view of Lewis, not Askhenas as modified by Whitener in view of Whitener.

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